



March 4, 2014

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

VIA ECFS

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90 Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas -- *PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ *PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY* is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of *GEORGIA*, and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY proposes to build out broadband to 1,289 unserved premises within the regulated service territory.

Proposed Broadband Service

Voice and Broadband services with broadband transmission speeds of 4mbps. Downstream/1mbps upstream provided over *DSL*.

Funding

PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY estimates construction costs to be a total of \$3,615,225. *PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY* requests \$3,615,225 in funding from Connect America Funds in a one-time funding and will fund the remaining capital and ongoing expenses to operate the system.

PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within one year after construction starts.

PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).

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Sincerely,

PLANT TELEPHONE COMPANY

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Danny E. Sterling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Danny E. Sterling
President & General Manager